Introduced by Senator Cedillo

February 23, 2006

An act to amend Section 440.20 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1469, as introduced, Cedillo. Health facilities: patient bills: copies.

Existing law requires that, within 7 days after completion of the patient's itemized bill, every health facility provide to the primary attending health care practitioner a copy, upon written request specifying the individual patient, of the complete itemized charges for services rendered by the health facility to the health care practitioner's patient when the primary attending health care practitioner is not employed by the health facility nor a member of an integrated group practice that provided the health facility services.

This bill would instead extent to 10 days the time within which every health facility is required to provide a copy of this patient's itemized bill.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

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- 4 itemized bill, every health facility shall provide to the primary
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